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	RELATED NCCHC STANDARDS: P-I-03 (IMPORTANT)	
CHAPTER: 11 HEALTH SERVICES	SUBJECT: FORENSIC INFORMATION	
APPROVED BY THE COMMISSIONER:		
EFFECTIVE DATE: 11-19-07		

PURPOSE:

Medical staff members do not participate in collection of information for forensic purposes.

POLICY:

1. Medical and mental health staff members do not participate in the collection of information for forensic purposes. Participation in these activities undermines the credibility and treatment confidentiality of the professional with the inmates.
2. Medical staff members do not perform body cavity searches for contraband, nor train correctional staff in performing body cavity searches.
3. In the case of sexual assault, inmate-victim is referred to an outside Emergency Department of a local hospital for assessment and treatment.
4. Health care staff members, with the written consent of the inmate noted in the patient chart, may perform court-ordered laboratory tests, examinations or radiology procedures.
5. Requests for participation in collection of information for forensic purposes, such as conducting body searches for contraband, providing psychological evaluations of inmates for use in adversarial proceedings will be referred to outside sources.
6. Health services staff may collect specimens for DNA analysis if:
 - a. Complying with state law
 - b. The inmate has given voluntary consent
 - c. Health Services Staff does not participate in any punitive action taken if the inmate refuses participation

References:

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